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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL RESOURCE ALLOCATION GUIDE (CRAG) FOR  
SOUTH AFRICA

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1. MEMBASSY ACTION GROUP (EAG) MET IN PRETORIA DECEMBER 4-5.
2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, ONLY SIGNIFICANT DEVIATION FROM SUBSTANTIVE  
WORKLOAD SO FAR THIS FY HAS BEEN ON MARKET RESEARCH PROJECTS. CONGEN  
JOHANNESBURG NOW FULLY STAFFED FOR COMMERCIAL WORK AND MARKET RESEARC  
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BACKLOG EXPECTED TO BE CLEANED UP ASAP, HOPEFULLY BY END FIRST QUARTE  
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CY 1976. AT VERY LATEST.
3. AS DEPARTMENT AND COMMERCE RECOGNIZE, HEALTH CARE CATALOG SHOW NOT  
PROVIDED FOR IN FY 76 CRAG AND DECISION TO HOLD SHOW MAY CAUSE  
REALLOCATION OF MAN DAYS AMONG ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN TABLE ON PAGE  
11 OF CRAG. WE WILL HOWEVER KEEP CURRENT ON ALL ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES,  
PARTICULARLY FEE-PAID ACTIVITIES SUCH AS WTDR AND ADS.
4. EAG POINTS OUT THAT POSTS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FOLLOW-UPS  
ON WTDR'S ALREADY SUBMITTED. REPORTING ON THESE, RESUBMITTING  
OR MAILING COPY OF ORIGINAL MESSAGE IS TIME CONSUMING  
ALTHOUGH EAG RECOGNIZES COMMERCE IS WORING HARD TO KEEP BETTER  
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TRACK OF WTDR'S ON RECEIPT IN COMMERCE.

5. EAG CALLED ATTENTION TO STATEMENT IN CRAG (PAGE4) THAT CAPE TOWN OFFICERS EXPECTED TO VISIT PORT ELIZABETH AND EAST LONDON FOUR TIMES A YEAR. EAG CONSIDERS THAT FUTURE CRAGS SHOULD BE CHANGED TO REFER TO VISITS BY PRETORIA OFFICERS AS WELL AS CAPE TOWN OFFICERS. (ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR VISITED THERE IN OCTOBER AS HAS AMBASSADOR. BOTH PLAN FURTHER VISITS.)

6. EAG (WHICH THIS TIME INCLUDED CONSULS GENERAL AND ALL OFFICERS CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC OR COMMERCIAL WORK) REVIEWED ALL COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, CURRENT POLICY PROBLEMS, AND STATE OF SA ECONOMY. SUBJECTS COVERED INCLUDED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, EXCHANGE RATE, TRADE, INVESTMENT, INFLATION, GOLD, NUCLEAR ENERGY, HOMELANDS, RELATIONS WITH US BUSINESS, EXIM, EXCON, NAMIBIA, FOREIGN COURTS EVIDENCE ACT, RHODESIA, ARMS, EXCHANGE CONTROL, GATT AND MTN, CERP, WTDR, ADS, TOP, MARKET RESEARCH, CATALOG SHOW, UPCOMING YAOUNDE MEETING, SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS IN THE BLS STATES. MEETING WAS EXTREMELY USEFUL; WE PLAN TO REPEAT SHORTLY AFTER END OF FIRST QUARTER CY 1976, DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING AFTER RECEIPT OF ALLOTMENT NOTICES FOR FY 1976.  
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